Land offered by Gujarat for Western Railways

4386. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat has offered land free of cost for Zonal Office for Western Railway at either Ahmedabad or Gandhinagar ;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard by the Railway Minister ; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise. There is no proposal for setting up of a zonal office at Ahmedabad.

Unmanned Railway Crossings

4387. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU :
SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of unmanned railway crossings in the country, particularly in the NER, as on 31st March, 2000, State-wise/District-wise/ Station-wise;

(b) how many accidents have taken place during the last three years on these crossings ; and

(c) what is the number of such crossings proposed to be manned during the current financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) There are 24049 unmanned level crossings in the country, of these 3205 unmanned level crossings are falling in North Eastern Railway. Statistics on unmanned level crossings are maintained Railway Zone-

wise and State-wise and not District-wise and Station-wise. State-wise statistics of unmanned level crossings in the country are as under :—

S. No.	States.	No. of Unmanned Level Crossings
1.	ASSAM	908
2.	ANDHRA PRADESH	1537
3.	BIHAR	1898
4.	DELHI	2
5.	GUJARAT	2927
6.	HARYANA	523
7.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	304
8.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	33
9.	KARNATAKA	1044
10.	KERALA	219
11.	MADHYA PRADESH	1693
12.	MAHARASHTRA	1504
13.	MANIPUR	1
14.	MIZORAM	1
15.	ORISSA	1179
16.	PUNJAB	1092
17.	RAJASTHAN	2223
18.	TAMILNADU	1565
19.	TRIPURA	22
20.	UTTAR PRADESH	3736
21.	WEST BENGAL	1625
22.	CHANDIGARH	1
23.	PONDICHERRY	9
24.	GOA	2
25.	NAGALAND	1
	TOTAL	24049

(b) 165 level crossings accidents have been taken place in the country

during the last 3 years of these 26 accidents occurred on North Eastern Railway.

(c) 602 unmanned level crossings have been proposed for manning during 2000-2001. These level crossings will be manned subject to availability of fund.

Improvement in Suburban Rail Services

4388. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the exact planning of the Ministry to improve the suburban services of Indian Railway ;

(b) how much amount has been allocated in the plan to improve suburban services of the Railways ; and

(c) what is the amount of additional resources required how Government are going to raise it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) to (c) As per Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1999, Planning and Coordination of Urban Transport Systems is under the purview of Ministry of Urban Affairs and technical planning of rail based systems are under the Ministry of Railways. Rail component of the urban transport systems is catered to by the suburban Railway services of Indian Railways.

Growth in demand for suburban services in Metropolitan areas is met by Ministry of Railways by effecting improvements on a continuing and in a need based manner.

Actual availability of funds is known only at the beginning of each financial year. Hence, the allocation of funds to each Project is done on an annual basis. A list of all ongoing Metropolitan Transport projects, including the amount allocated to each during each of the first four years of the IX-Plan is given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 108]. Balance amount required to complete all these works is also given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 108]. This amount will be made available by contribution from the General Exchequer. Some State Governments are also contributing to the capital investment required for creation of suburban transport